*[English]*

**Arms Dropping**

3767. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether tne Army Intelligence Wing has warned regarding an encore of Purulia type arms dropping from some militant outfits;

(b) if so. the steps taken/proposed to be taken to dislodge such attempts in future;

(c) whether the proposed steps are likely to affect the tourist flow to India, and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ministry of Defence has taken the following steps:—

(i) Headquarters, Eastern Air Command (HQ, EAC) has been directed to implement a high state of vigilance over the air space over the area with all available resources.

(ii) Army Border Out Posts along the border have been tasked to report any aircraft movement on the HF net to HQ, EAC. HQ, EAC is the coordinating agency.

(iii) DGCA has been informed that all non-scheduled aircraft movements in the area are to be treated with utmost caution. Any suspicious indications from such movements are to be immediately informed to all concerned security agencies.

(iv) Helicopters have been tasked to carry out reconnaissance and patrol of the area twice a day for a period of atleast one hour at random intervals.

(v) Army has been alerted to exercise vigilance in the entire area along the border.

(vi) Assam Rifles out posts on the Myanmar/Nagaland border have been alerted to exercise vigilance.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

*[Translation]*

**National Crime Records Bureau**

3768. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH :
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Crime Records Bureau has conducted any survey to identify such States/Union Territories where crimes are being committed on large scale;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the States/Union Territories where the crime rate is maximum and minimum alongwith the details of such crimes separately;

(d) whether any assistance has been provided by the Union Government to these States/Union Territories during the last three years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (e) The National Crime Records Bureau has not conducted any such survey. However, the Bureau collects, compiles and analyses crime figures of various States and Union Territories in its annual publication "Crime in India". The latest published report is for the year 1994. Details in regard to the crime rate and the incidence of crime are available in the enclosed statement.

Among the States, the crime rate is the highest in the case of Rajasthan while it is the lowest in the case of Punjab. Among the Union territories, the crime rate is the highest in the case of Delhi and the lowest in the case of Lakshadweep.

'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects. However, the Central Government has been assisting the State Governments under its scheme — Modernisation of State Police Forces, in order to strengthening their policing infrastructure. The following assistance was provided to Rajasthan and Punjab under the scheme during the last three years:—

| State | Year (Rs. in lakhs) | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 1993-94 | 1994-95 | 1995-96 |
| Rajasthan | 105.02 | 224.92 | 77.46 |
| Punjab | 38.09 | 84.65 | 84.65 |

Financial assistance under the said scheme is not provided to the Union territories which are otherwise Centrally assisted.

***Statement***

*Details of Crimes in the States & UTs Representing Crime Rates Maximum and Minimum*

| Crime | Maximum crime rate Rajasthan | | Minimum crime rate Punjab | | Maximum crime rate Delhi | | Minimum crime rate Lakshadweep | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | I | R | I | R | I | R | I | R |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| (i) Murder | 1499 | 3.2 | 662 | 3.1 | 492 | 4.6 | 0 | .0 |
| (ii) Attempt to commit Murder | 1761 | 3.7 | 399 | 1.8 | 479 | 4.5 | 0 | .0 |
| ) C.H. Not amounting to murder | 124 | .3 | 99 | .5 | 84 | .8 | 0 | .0 |
| /) Rape | 1042 | 2.1 | 118 | .5 | 309 | 2.9 | 0 | .0 |
| ) Kidnapping & abduction | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 2531 | 5.4 | 220 | 1.0 | 1055 | 10.0 | 0 | .0 |
| (a) of Women & Girl | 2110 | 4.5 | 133 | .6 | 713 | 6.7 | 0 | .0 |
| (b) of others | 421 | .9 | 85 | .4 | 342 | 3.2 | 0 | .0 |
| (c) Dacoity | 88 | .2 | 10 | .0 | 19 | .2 | 0 | .0 |
| n) Preparation and Assembly for dacoity | 8 | .0 | 15 | .1 | 14 | .1 | 0 | .0 |
| vii) Robbery | 1137 | 2.4 | 46 | .2 | 377 | 3.6 | 0 | .0 |
| viii) Burglery | 8327 | 17.6 | 989 | 4.6 | 1660 | 15.7 | 3 | 5.0 |
| ix) Theft | 15517 | 32.8 | 1275 | 6.0 | 13490 | 127.4 | 20 | 33.3 |
| x) Riots | 18741 | 39.7 | 7 | .0 | 172 | 1.6 | 8 | 13.3 |
| xi) Criminal-breach of Trust | 846 | 1.8 | 147 | .7 | 578 | 5.5 | 1 | 1.7 |
| (xii) Cheating | 5549 | 11.7 | 532 | 2.5 | 1383 | 13.1 | 0 | .0 |
| (xiii) Counterfeiting | 287 | .6 | 11 | .1 | 99 | .9 | 0 | .0 |

| 1 | | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (xiv) | Other IPC crimes | 75602 | 160.0 | 6120 | 28.7 | 18012 | 170.1 | 20 | 33.3 |
| (xv) | Total cognizable crimes under IPC | 133019 | 281.5 | 10631 | 49.9 | 38223 | 360.9 | 52 | 86.7 |

Note : Rate = Incidence per lakh (1,00,000) of population.
I(Incidence), R (Rate)

*[English]*

**Purulia Arm Dropping Case**

3769. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :
SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA :
SHRI ANIL BASU :
SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI :
SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) further progress made in the Purulia arms dropping case;

(b) whether an American passport holder, Martin Conrad Schneider, suspected to be a close associate of Kim Davy and involved in the Purulia arms case was arrested at Mumbai Sahar International Airport during the last month;

(c) if so, the revelations made by him in the matter; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Central Bureau of Investigation have intimated that execution reports of Letter Rogatory sent to Latvia and Bulgaria have been received. Letter Rogatory to Denmark and U.K. have been executed and Letter Rogatory to a number of other countries have been sent to the competent authorities of those countries for execution.

(b) and (c) CBI have intimated that Mr. Marten Konrad Schneider, holding United States Passport, was detained by the Sahar Immigration Police, Mumbai Airport on 17.1.1997. As per CBI, no direct or indirect evidence are available to connect him to Purulia Arms Dropping case so far

(d) The CBI are taking all appropriate action in the matter.

**Modernisation of Border Security Force**

3770. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to modernise the Border Security Force; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds earmarked for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Modernisation is a continuous process. Updating of technology, weaponry, vehicles, Air Wing and training for border/coastal patrolling are some of the matters on which constant attention is being given. For this purpose, trials are held and funds are allocated to keep the BSF modern and fit for its task.

**Black Weeds**

3771. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that large areas of forests, agricultural and waste lands in the hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh, Sikkim and West Bengal have been infested by the black weeds, thereby resulting into a bane to farmers, tea-gardens and foresters;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to clear the said hilly areas from the black weeds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) to (c) The Information is being collected from the States and will be laid on the Table of the House.